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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the current amendment, Applicants basically cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby leaving only allowed claim 1.

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, the application is deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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